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Title: DOSING DEVICE

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following response to the Office Action Mailed November 13, 2006.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

102/103 Rejections

Applicants have considered the present 102/103 rejections, which appear to be substantially identical to the rejections in the Office Action mailed May 11, 2006. If there is any distinction between the present rejection and the one of May 11, 2006, Applicants invite the Examiner to draw Applicants' attention to such distinctions.

The present rejection states in paragraph 9 that Applicants' arguments filed along with an RCE (filed October 11, 2006) have been fully considered but are moot in light of the new rejection. The only new rejection appears to be the double patenting rejection. Since the previous Amendment addressed the exact 102/103 rejections of the present Office Action, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the 102/103 rejections of the present Office Action and issue a Notice of Allowance or a new rejection. Applicants submit the

Terminal Disclaimer and the previous Amendment (filed on October 11, 2006), place the case in condition for allowance.

If a phone interview would help advance the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 651-736-6432.

Respectfully submitted,

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